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SUBJ: LIBYAN RESPONSE TO US DENIAL OF INVOLVEMENT IN EGYPTIAN-LIBYAN CONFLICT

1. BANNER HEADLINES OF LIBYA'S AUG 4 PRESS REFUTE OFFICIAL US DENIAL OF INVOLVEMENT IN RECENT EGYPTIAN-LIBYAN BORDER CLASHES. RED LETTER HEADLINES OF THE DAILY AL JIHAD ACCUSE US OF "DELIBERATE DECEPTION." WHILE PRESS ACCURATELY REPORTS US STATE DEPT AND VOICE OF AMERICA DENIALS OF US ASSISTANCE TO SADAT'S GOVERNMENT DURING RECENT HOSTILITIES BETWEEN EGYPT AND LIBYA, EDITORIALS DESCRIBE US DENIAL AS A DELIBERATE DISTORTION. COMMENTARY REFERS TO MAJOR JALLUD'S AUG 2 PRESS CONFERENCE IN WHICH HE INDICATED THAT LIBYA HAD SHOT DOWN FOUR US PILOTLESS RECONNAISSANCE DRONES AND THAT LIBYA POSSESSES THE WRECKAGE OF THESE AIRCRAFT FOR THE INSPECTION

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OF FOREIGN MEDIA. COMMENTARY ASSERTS THAT US DENIAL OF INVOLVEMENT OF US PILOTS IS MEANINGLESS SINCE LIBYA HAS NEVER MADE THIS ACCUSATION BUT REFERS SPECIFICALLY TO THE PILOTLESS DRONES. COMMENTARY DESCRIBES THIS VERBAL SLEIGHT OF HAND AS CLUMSY US ATTEMPT TO "SHRINK FROM THE RESPONSIBILITY OF ACTIVE AND REAL COLLABORATION IN SPYING AGAINST LIBYA FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE AMERICAN AGENT SADAT WHO FAILED MISERABLY EVEN IN HIS ATTEMPT

TO BE A SUCCESSFUL US POLICEMAN IN THE CONTINENT."

2. DURING WEEK OF AUGUST 1 ATTACKS ON THE US AND EGYPTIAN
PRESIDENT SADAT HAVE SHARED FRONT PAGE COVERAGE IN LIBYA'S
TWO DAILIES. EMBASSY CAN ONLY SPECULATE AS TO PURPOSE OF
BARRAGE OF MEDIA ATTACKS AGAINST US WHICH IS POINTEDLY AIMED
AT DOMESTIC AUDIENCE. HOWEVER, CONTINUED MEDIA ATTACKS ON US MAY BE
A LIBYAN ATTEMPT TO FOCUS US ATTENTION ON LIBYAN-US RELATIONS
AND LIBYA'S POTENTIALLY DISRUPTIVE ROLE IN ANY MIDDLE EAST
PEACE SETTLEMENT.

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